

**FIRE FACT SHEET**  
**Miles City Interagency Fire**  
**Eastern Montana Fire Zone**

**Date:** September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**Time:** 1000 hours

**Fire Information Contact:** Dena Lang, 406-233-2907 / 406-853-0274 (Cell)

**Status of Current Fires:**

**White Knob:** This fire is approximately 40 miles east of Miles City, and 7 miles south of Knowlton, MT. The fire started on Tuesday afternoon around 1400 hours and was lightning caused. It is burning 9 acres in brush and timber on BLM land. 1 BLM engine and 5 Contract engines are currently on scene. 5 SEAT's, 1 Air Attack and 1 BLM Helicopter worked the fire Tuesday afternoon. Firefighters currently have the fire lined and containment was last night at 1800 hours.

**Piper Draw:** This fire is 22 miles southeast of Ashland, MT burning on the Custer National Forest, Ashland Ranger District. The fire has been accurately mapped at 37.1 acres and is burning in ponderosa pine and grass understory. Containment on the fire was reached at 0800 Wednesday morning. The fire is in mop-up status and some resources have been demobilized.

**Morgan:** This fire is burning 25-30 miles northwest of Jordan, MT in Garfield County. The fire is currently 160 acres burning in ponderosa pine, juniper and grass on Fish and Wildlife Service, Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge lands. 3 CMR engines, 3 Garfield County Volunteer Fire Department engines and 1 BLM engine are on scene. The fire is in very rough, broken and steep terrain. The fire was contained on Wednesday afternoon and crews are continuing to mop-up and patrol the fire.

**Aircraft:** 2 Single Engine Airtankers, 1 Air Attack Platform, 1 Type III Helicopter and 1 Type II DNRC Helicopter are currently stationed at Frank Wiley Field in Miles City.

**Weather and Special Concerns:** This afternoon temperatures should be cooler and humidities should slowly recover. A cold front will move into the zone late tonight and tomorrow, with isolated thunderstorms possible ahead of this front. This weekend weather should be cool and wet through the zone.